

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I have worked for most of the last 45 years as an accountant, managing my own practice for the past 20-plus years.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have lived in this riding for 35 years, for over 30 years in the same home.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I have volunteered extensively: as a school council member, soccer coach, adult literacy tutor and Treasurer of multiple organizations.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

I was born and raised in South Africa during apartheid, so some of the great South African leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Robert Sobukwe and Desmond Tutu were influencers of note - people who were prepared to risk their lives to stand up to the injustices of their time. I have similarly been inspired by Martin Luther King, Mahatma Ghandi and the Dalai Lama.

Nelson Mandela's speech at the Rivonia Trial in 1963 and Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech stand out for their clarity and commitment to principle, as does a speech by Chief Seattle from 1855.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

On the global stage, as stated, Nelson Mandela and his unwavering commitment to achieving universal adult suffrage in South Africa. In Canada, I'm inspired by the work done by Tommy Douglas to give us Medicare and by the willingness of Diefenbaker and Pearson to work with Douglas, all from different political parties, to bring us this important social program pillar.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Addressing the climate emergency while ensuring a just transition to a green, clean economy. But people are equally concerned about job security and their quality of life. By increasing our renewable energy capacity, retrofitting our buildings so that they are energy efficient and cost less to operate, investing in public transportation and innovative housing solutions, and protecting farmland and moving away from industrial agriculture, we will create permanent, good jobs and strengthen our economy. It will also enable us to strengthen the social programs that are so vital to our quality of life.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected,

what would you do to address those concerns?

I would:

1. Schedule regular and frequent meetings with the people across this riding. Listening to people's issues and concerns is crucial; it would also give me the opportunity to tap into the incredible wealth of ideas and knowledge that we have here.
2. Work to replace our first-past-the post voting system with one in which each person's vote counts.
3. Do my best to make the House of Commons a more constructive, cooperative and effective institution, by working constructively with MPs from all parties to address and solve the challenges we face.